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HIGHLIGHTS

- Eight new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Tuesday: Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers responded to two small fires east of Fort Yukon, one of which is now out. Six new fires were reported in the Southwest Area. Currently 34 fires are active in Alaska. AICC reports that so far this year 241 fires statewide have burned nearly 219,560 acres.
- Three fires are staffed: The Old Minto Fire is 60 acres and staffed with 27 personnel who are working to mop up and secure the perimeter; The Parks Highway Fire is being patrolled by an engine; and smokejumpers worked to cut a saw-line, set up pumps and hoses, and contain one of the new fires east of Fort Yukon, the Bear Blanket Slough Fire.
- For additional information about fire activity in Alaska visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf. Or to access a map: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.